

The Intelligencer.

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We are pretty well convinced that our "devil" deserves the community to be under the impression that he is not in league with the "imp of blackness." Whether or not he be, we are equally anxious to a pinching operation to convince people of the fact; we cannot say. Any one desirous of satisfying themselves can test the matter by a personal investigation any nice morning.

THE HUNTING SEASON.—Several parties leave the city almost daily to start up a party among the game in the adjacent woods. During the past four years our young hunters have been engaged in shooting at human targets, while old birds, squirrels, partridges, ducks and all their kindred, have enjoyed a long period of almost perfect quiet and security. The consequence is that they have increased and multiplied. In the fields and forests are densely populated with game, a tempting array for all of us our Nymrods, young and old. A few days in the country now, with a good double-barreled gun and plenty of ammunition, afford a great deal of genuine sport, and we really envy the followers of elegant leisure who can get away from town on such an expedition.

POLICE COURT.—Yesterday was very lively day in the police court. In spite of all that Judge Good can do, some few persons are occasionally found who are willing to butt their heads against the "police court."

Yesterday a party sued another for assault and battery, and a fine of five dollars and costs was imposed, which was paid. The party sued then sued his accuser, but failed to sustain the suit.

Durrell Thorpe brought a suit for assault and battery against Wm. Shields, Jr., which was dismissed, and he paid a fine of \$5 and costs on the latter named. He then brought suit against disposed of.

SOLDIERS' AID SOCIETY.—The Ladies' Soldiers' Aid Society of this city held a final meeting on Friday afternoon. The articles on hand were disposed of, and the means thus raised, will be sent to the treasury of the Society, will be distributed to the needy soldiers' families of the city.

We understand that the money in the hands of the Gentlemen's Soldiers' Aid Societies will be sent to be donated to the building of the soldiers' home.

We fear that many of the families of the disabled or deceased soldiers of our county will be in need this winter, and we hope that some arrangements will be made to assist them materially.

DEATH OF AN OLD CITIZEN.—We regret to inform our readers of the death from apoplexy, of Finley McGraw, Esq., of Martinsville, Ohio, formerly of Smithfield. The deceased was in apparently good health on Tuesday evening, attended on that evening a temperance lecture, but at three o'clock yesterday morning he was taken with a severe attack of apoplexy, and died suddenly. Medical aid was summoned, but of no avail. Mr. McGraw was a full citizen, highly respected, and will be much missed in his community. He died at the residence of Mr. J. Woods.

THE THEATRICAL TRroupe AT WASHINGTON HALL.—Henderson's troupe held forth again last night at Washington Hall, to a large and fashionable audience. To-night another performance will be given. The bill is varied and interesting, as follows: "The Merchant of Venice," or the "Foster Sisters," a drama in two acts; "The Swiss Cottage," a musical comedy; "In Our Act" and "The Secret," a farce, one act. The ticket of order is maintained, and pay-lovers are assured that these performances will be unexceptionable in their character.

A SHARPER IN LIMBO.—Several days since a man named Bernard Smith, succeeded in obtaining from some Pittsburgh merchants, under false pretenses, goods amounting to about \$200. He disposed of the goods, and came to this city. Information was given to our officials of the transaction, and Smith was arrested, night before last, at Benner's tavern, on Main Street, and placed in the lock-up. Next morning Officer Jacobs came down from Pittsburgh and took him up to that place to await his trial.

RIVER NEWS.—The river was slowly rising yesterday, with about eight feet and a half of water in the channel.

Business on the landing yesterday was quite lively. In addition to the regular packets, the Nord & Bayard, the AP, and the Wild Waggon left for Cincinnati at five p.m. All of these boats had fine trips.

A TOWING船 was busy all day taking in freight. She leaves at 10 a.m. to-day for St. Louis. She is to carry a most excellent boat for the patronage of shippers and travelers.

STRAFT REPAIRS.—We record with pleasure the fact that workmen are engaged in repairing the sewer at the corner, north of Quincey and Main streets. We hope that this important repair will be followed by many more of the sort. Much future expense can be spared by a fair outlay now.

GOODS RETURNED.—Several nights since some articles of jewelry, etc., were stolen from a house on mill alley, in south Wheeling. No clue was obtained of the robbers until yesterday, when the mother of one of the parties who had committed the theft, voluntarily returned the articles to their owners.

AN ALARM OF FIRE.—There was an alarm of fire about noon yesterday at the glass works of Messrs. Ripley, Cowl & Co., just south of the creek. The bells pealed a warning merrily for a while, and a few people rushed around madly, but no particular damage was done.

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OYSTERS ARE IN SEASON AGAIN, and there is joy in many a household in consequence. The joy is not complete, however, until the flagrant treason is discovered by a bottle of Worcestershire Sauce. It is used in all the soups, broths and cooking houses, East and West. Formulae for H. Logan & Co., Logan, List & Co., Wholesale and Retail Druggists, Wheeling.

OYSTERS OWNERS! OYSTERS!—Fresh oysters received daily by express, and by sea, as far as can, or half can, at Speidel & Inderrieden's, 51 Main street, Oct. 21.

NEW FIRM.—Messrs. Blund & Blund have opened a new wholesale and retail shoe store at No. 167 Main street, corner of Spring House alley, where the best of boots, shoes and garters can be had. Everything usually kept in a first rate condition, and in constant supply. Both members of the new firm are well known here as energetic, thorough-going business men. Drop in and examine their large and varied stock, and secure bargains. Oct. 13.

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